

# BREASTFEEDING

– A VITAL  
EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE

*Are You  
Ready?*



Laurel K. Tharrington: Everyone needs to be ready and prepared for emergencies



Sudipto Das: Breastfeeding during heatwave



Sudipto Das: Hard World - Breastfeeding in a relief camp in India



Asha D Benakappa: Domestic Violence as Unforeseen Emergencies



Sarah Segal: Breastfeeding Baby Next to Armed Soldier on bus in Israel



Ruth Babirye: Code Monitoring in Emergencies



Ruth Babirye: Breastfeeding – Hope before Help



Roseane do Socorro Gonçalves Viana: Breastfeeding, the First Right to Food



Grace Nambuusi: Breastfeeding mother in Karamoja – Region under Emergency situation in Uganda



Mirian Tamashiro Flores: Breastfeeding after one year of Ica's earthquake in Peru



## OBJECTIVES OF WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK 2009

- To reinforce the vital role that breastfeeding plays in emergency response worldwide.
- To advocate for active protection and support of breastfeeding before and during emergencies.
- To inform mothers, breastfeeding advocates, communities, health professionals, governments, aid agencies, donors, and the media, about how they can actively support breastfeeding before and during an emergency.
- To mobilise action and promote networking and collaboration between those with breastfeeding management skills and those involved in emergency response.

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## WABA World Breastfeeding Week

Protects, Promotes and Supports Breastfeeding Worldwide



The World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) is a global network of individuals and organizations concerned with the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding worldwide based on the Innocenti Declarations, the Ten Links for Nurturing the Future and the WHO/UNICEF Global Strategy for Infant and Young Child Feeding. Its core partners are International Baby Food Action Network (IBFAN), La Leche League International (LLL), International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA), Wellstart International and Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine (ABM). WABA is in consultative status with UNICEF and an NGO in Special Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

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